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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the restriction/election requirement of the Action mailed on September 7, 2004, applicant provisionally elects with traverse Invention I corresponding to claim 1-31 and 34-39, and species 2 corresponding to Figures 4-9.

Applicant submits the Examiner has incorrectly identified claims 34-38 as being directed to a “method of making the electrical connector” and incorrectly categorized said claims as being part of Invention II. Claim 34-38 are directed to an electrical connector and methods of use therefor, not to a method of making an electrical connector. Applicant respectfully submits claims 34-38 are properly categorized in Invention I, and Applicant submits a proper election includes claims 1-31 and 34-39 in Invention I.



Claims 1 – 31 and 34 – 39 of the claims read on the elected species 2.

In addition to the above election, applicant submits a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to include the priority claim to United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/413,362 filed September 25, 2002.

Accordingly, please amend the above-captioned application, as follows: